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SUBJ: CIVAIR: CUBANA OPERATIONS FROM MONTREAL: AIR CANADA
ASPECT

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1. WEEDRICK (AIR CANADA) TOLD TCO MARCH 3 CARRIER RELIES UPON SCHEDULED SERVICES BILATERAL, READ IN RELATION TO CHICAGO CONVENTION CREATING ICAO, AS BASIS FOR ITS OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY IN CHOOSING ROUTES ACROSS U.S. THIS RELIANCE, HE STATED, HAD BEEN CONFIRMED TO HIM BY MOT/CATA'S AERONAUTICAL LICENSING AND INSPECTION BRANCH WHICH HAS ALSO DISCUSSED SITUATION INFORMALLY WITH FAA.

2. EMBASSY HEARD SOME WEEKS AGO (OTTAWA 126) THAT EXTAFF CONSIDERS ARTICLE TWO OF 1966 EXCHANGE OF NOTES RELEVANT TO AIR CANADA'S TRANSIT OPERATIONS. THIS WOULD APPEAR CONSISTENT WITH WEEDRICK'S INFORMATION.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW, OF COURSE, HOW WASHINGTON WILL DECIDE CUBANA OVERFLIGHT ROUTE (IF AND WHEN DIPLOMATIC APPLICATION IS MADE AND APPROVED), BUT IF WASHINGTON GIVES ANY CONSIDERATION TO SUGGESTING
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CHANGES/LIMITATIONS IN AIR CANADA OPERATIONS TO AVOID

CUBAN CHARGES OF DISCRIMINATION (SEE STATE 27828, PARA 2),
PRIOR DISCUSSION WITH EXTAFF WOULD APPEAR ESSENTIAL.

4. AFTER FOREGOING DRAFTED, WEEDRICK PHONES AGAIN TO
REPORT THAT GOC ISSUED OPERATING LICENSE TO CUBANA
THIS AFTERNOON (SEE PARA 2 REFTEL).
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